

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

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BA [0001] This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/277,695—,—, entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IMAGE PROCESSING, filed March 21, 2001, the entire disclosure of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference. This application further incorporates herein by reference the entire disclosure of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/277,850—,—, entitled IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, filed March 22, 2001.

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